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To the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,



HAVING observed several Dissertations in the Gazetteer concerning many Improvements for general Good, viz. Those upon Manufactory, Agriculture, the mending of the High Ways, and also an Advertisement of the Sieur de la Croix's Attempt upon the Discovery of the Longitude, I am in hopes that you will give the following a Place in your Paper; and if it should so happen, that what I have there advanced relating to our Latitude, should be no more than has been already discovered, I flatter myself, that some of the Learned in Navigation, will be to good-natur'd as to take this Method, by a Line in your Paper, to undeceive me.

Is what I have been doing, Sir, should prove to be no more than is already in Practice, I shall, nevertheless, have the Satisfaction of having amused myself very agreeably with the Hopes of doing something for the general Service of Mankind: And I am sure, that if I should be in the right in what I offer, your making this publick will oblige every body; and if I am wrong, neither you nor I shall have done any harm.

I am, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

A. B.

If any Method could be found to shew how we might, when we are at Sea, and out of Sight of Land, be certain of our Ship's Distance, East and West, between the Place of our Departure, and that to which we are bound, (which is called our Longitude) and also North and South from the Equator, (which is called our Latitude) Navigation might then be said to be improv'd to the greatest Perfection.

And tho' our Longitude be at this Day a very great Mystery, it is hop'd that the Discovery thereof is not an Impossibility. 'Tis true, the Certainty of our Latitude is frequently to be known (and that by various Methods) yet it is not to be discovered (by any Rule in present Practice) at any other time than when the Object by which we are to be guided (viz. the Sun or Star) is to be seen exactly in the Observers Zenith.

Therefore if any Method could be proposed which would shew how we might be as certain of our Latitude, at every time of the Day, when an Observation from the Sun can be made, as if we saw it in Meridian, 'tis presumed that such a Discovery would be of much greater Improvement to Navigation, than that of our Longitude; in being, I think, generally agreed that the Knowledge of our Latitude alone, is sufficient for the Safety of a Ship, which the Knowledge of our Longitude, without that of our Latitude, cannot be.

For Example.

Let us suppose our Ship bound for the East or West Indies, or the South Sea, to London; and that we are very certain of our Longitude, viz. That we are in the Meridian of the English Channel's Mouth; yet if we want the Knowledge of our Latitude, we may, notwithstanding our Security of our Longitude, be many Leagues to the North or South of the said Channel; and so sometimes (when we are arrived near Home, and the Weather hazy) should most undoubtedly run either upon the Rocks of Scilly, or up St. George's Channel, or upon the Irish Coast; when, if we could be so sure of our Latitude, as to know that we were in that of 49 Degrees 45 Minutes, which is the Latitude of our Channel's Mouth, we might, without the Knowledge of our Longitude, securely sail (tho' in the greatest Fog, or darkest Night) directly East, and enter the Channel boldly: For by the help of the Log, and the Lead, we should be able to give so near a Guess at our Longitude, as to know whether we were in the Middle of our Channel, or near either of the said Coasts.

Again, If we were bound from Greenland, Russia, Norway, or any Part of the Baltick, and wanted the Knowledge of our Latitude, we might, and very likely should run upon the Northern Rocks of Scotland, as Shetland, or Orkney, &c. or upon the Dogger Bank, or Goodwin Sands, or the Coast of Denmark; and it will often happen in dark Winter Weather, that we can't see any Land for several Days, (tho' all those Days we may be very near the Land) nor be able to make an Observation on any one of those Days, just exactly at Noon; and yet most of those Days, if not all of them, the Sun may shew himself several times between his Rising and his Sitting.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Sept. 2. On Tuesday last the Right Hon. Lieutenant General Thomas Pearce reviewed, in his Majesty's Phoenix Park, Brigadier Legonier's Regiment of Horse, and Colonels Wentworth, Handa, and Pager's Regiments of Foot, which are on Duty in our Barracks: They performed all their Exercises and Firings with the utmost Exactness and Dexterity, to the entire Satisfaction of the General, and a numerous Company of Spectators of all Ranks.

The same Evening was very decently interred in St. Warburgh's Church, Mrs. Dobson, Widow of Mr. Eliphal Dobson, Senior, who was the eminentest and richest Bookseller in this Kingdom.

Last Tuesday died at his Seat in the County of Tipperary, Richard Buckworth, Esq; Member of Parliament for Cashell. He was a very agreeable Gentleman, and a Person of a good Character, and remarkable for being the greatest Funster in Europe.

Last Tuesday Morning died Mrs. Tucker, Wife of Mr. George Tucker of the Ballast-Office.

On Monday last died the Rev. Mr. John King, at Athy in the County of Kildare, of a nervous Fever, after a few Days Illness. He was a meek, pious Person, a dutiful and affectionate Son, a fond and loving Brother, an easy Companion, and a gentle Friend: As he was beloved by all that knew or were acquainted with him, so his Death is no less lamented by his Friends and Acquaintance, than by his nearest Relations.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, Sept. 5. Arrived since my last of the 1st Instant, the Windsor, Chaffers, from Virginia; the Richmond, Whitehead, from Montserrat.

Whitehaven, Sept. 3. Arrived the Unity, Nicholson, from Petersburg.

Deal, Sept. 7. Wind S.W. Remain the Two Men of War, and the outward bound as in my last. Came down the Elizabeth, Breckon, for Havre de Grace; the Lake, Pharour, for Barbados; the Douro, James, for Oporto; the Oswego, Langdon, for New York; the Carlow, Curtis, for Southampton. Put back the Grove, Pearson, for Portsmouth; the Union, Homans, for Boston. Arrived the Cadiz Frigate, Jackson, from Cadiz; the Gloucester, Bloss, from Nevis; the North Foreland, Sampson, from St. Ubes; the Rogers, Glover, from Virginia; the Providence, Stewart, from Dublin.

Graveland Sept. 7. Passed by the Elizabeth and Margaret, Chambers, from North Carolina; and the Roubby, Johnson, from Maryland.

LONDON.

Yesterday Morning their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, set out from their House in Grosvenor's Square for the Bath.

Last Thursday died at Rufford in Essex, Captain Moore, the oldest Officer in General Evans's Regiment of Horse.

The Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Townshend is greatly indisposed at his House in Grosvenor's street.

And Yesterday the Lady Mary Townshend, his Lordship's Sister, who has been dangerously ill for some time at Epfom, was brought to Town for the Advice of Physicians.

Yesterday Morning Mr. Holmes, a Master Bricklayer, going from his House in Oxford Road to Pad-

dington, was attacked in the Fields between St. Mary-le-Bone and Paddington by two Post Pads, who knocked him down and robbed him of Four Guineas, some Silver, and a Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles, and then made off undiscover'd.

The Hon. Henry Yelverton, Esq; Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Suffex, who has been very dangerously ill at the Lord Abergavenny's Seat at Eridge in Suffex, is now judg'd to be in a fair way of Recovery.

Thursday Night the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Winchester came to his House in Grosvenor's street from visiting his Diocese.

We hear that the Hon. John Verney, Esq; Chief Justice of Chester, and one of his Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, is appointed Master of the Rolls, in the room of Sir Joseph Jekyl, Kt. deceased.

And that John Browne, Esq; one of the King's Counsel, and Member of Parliament for Dorchester, is appointed Chief Justice of Chester.

Last Night the Corpse of the Hon. George Bruce, Esq; Son to the Right Hon. Charles Lord Bruce, and Nephew to Thomas Earl of Avlesbury, was interred in the burial Vault of that noble Family at Malton near Amphill, in the County of Bedford.

Thursday Night a Fire broke out in the Workhouse belonging to Mr. Fly, a Tanner in Long-Acre, Southwark, which consumed Part of the said House, together with a considerable Quantity of Bark.

Yesterday John Way, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Hackney Coaches and Chairs, lay dangerously ill at his House in Sheer-Lane.

Yesterday 21 Prisoners were tried at the Old Bailey, one whereof was capitally Convicted, viz. Sarah Woodcock, for privately stealing from the Person of Thomas Pulpin, two Guineas and a Thirty Six Shilling Piece, and a Silver Watch. Seven were cast for Transportation, and 13 acquitted.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge	06 38	07 11

Bank Stock 144 to 1-4th. India 171, 3-8ths. South Sea 101 3-4ths. Old Annuity 112 1-8th to 1-4th. New ditto 110 1-8th to 1-4th. Three per Cent. 105 1-4th. 7 per Cent. Loan 110 1-4th. 5 per Cent. ditto 99 3-4ths to 7-8ths. Royal Assurance 107 1-half. London Assurance 14 3-4ths. African 14. India Bonds 61. 11s to 12s. Prem. South Sea ditto 21. 3s. to 4s. Premium. Bank Circulation 31. 17s. 0d. Premium. Silk Talties 1-half to 2 1-half Prem. English Copper 21. 3s. Welsh ditto 15s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 5 1-half per Cent. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 1 1-8th to 1-4th per Cent. Prem. Million Bank 120.

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